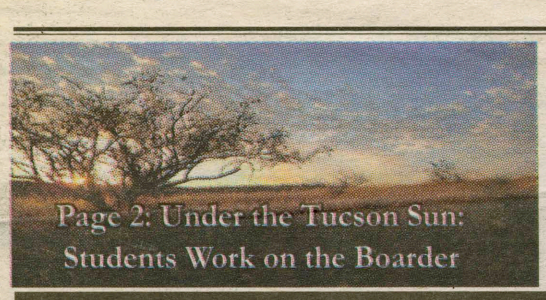

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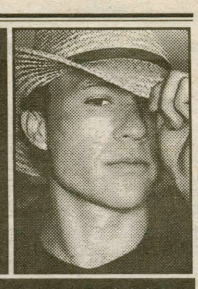

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**The Hill Card is your way into Commons and soon dorms.**

## *Campus Integrates The New Hill Card*

**by Scott Bixby '11**
*Insights & Ideas Editor*

The long-awaited implementation of Hamilton's new all-purpose Hill Card may face more problems than previously expected. The cards, intended eventually to serve as a multi-use keys, meal cards, Campus Cash vouchers, and identification cards for the Hamilton community, were conceived to streamline the turnkey system currently in place. However, bringing Hamilton College into the 21 century has proven frustrating for students and administrators alike, with numerous glitches reported, as well as delayed installation of

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## Hamilton Honors MLK Jr. With Week Long Activities

**by Bessie Taliaferro '10**
*News Writer*

While many people honored Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, Jan. 21, Hamilton College dedicated an entire week to celebrate the civil rights activist through community service, performance, worship, and more. Dean of Diversity Allen Harrison and a committee of Hamilton staff organized the activities for students and faculty members. "We tried to include everyone in the mix," said Harrison.

An open mic reception in the Annex on Monday kicked off the week and featured music from Doc. Woods's jazz ensemble. Professor of Theatre Mark Cryer directed "The Meeting," a play depicting a fictional encounter between Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., played by Luvuyo Mandela '09, and Malcolm X, played by Christian Baxter '10. "'The Meeting' explores each mans ideas and ideals on civil rights

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PHOTO BY MELISSA BALDING '09

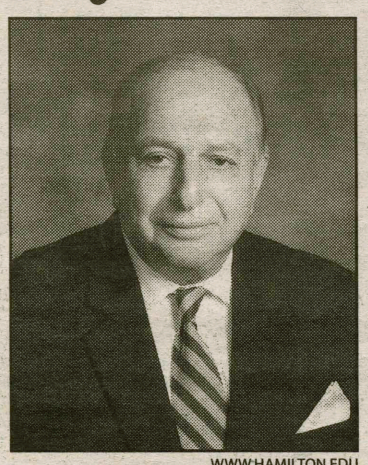
**Christian Baxter '10 portrays Malcolm X in "The Meeting."**

## $2.5 Million Donation For Arts Facility Renovation

**by Kara Labs '09**
*News Writer*

The $2.5 million donation from class of 1949 graduate and local business executive Eugene Romano lent further momentum to plans for new art and theatre facilities. Earlier this year, President Joan Hinde Stewart announced that the plans that were approved by the Board of Trustees would have to be scaled back because of a daunting $80 million anticipated cost. Currently, the money raised totals approximately $37.5 million, including the donation from Romano. This also includes a generous gift from Wendy and Keith Wellin '50 of $10 million, which is the largest monetary gift in the college's history.

Construction of the theatre and studio art buildings is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2010. If plans come to fruition, the facilities would be ready for use in late 2011. Additional renovation and reconstruction of Minor Theater into a museum will



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**Eugene Romano '49.**

be completed by mid 2013.

Due to insufficient funding the college had to reconsider the plans for the three facilities. The new museum gallery in the renovated Minor Theater would replace the Emerson Gallery. The building would also have room for classrooms and offices. Faculty coordinator for the arts facilities project and Professor of Music Sam Pellman said "one very important change will be the provision of a dedicated exhibition space for students and faculty." He commented that the student space "will provide much better opportunities for artists to present their work to the public and receive responses that are crucial for an artist's development." According to Pellman, "this is particularly congruent with Hamilton's ambitions to provide students with as many meaningful opportunities for public presentation as possible."

Theatre and art classes are currently conducted in many buildings across campus including the Molly Root House, List, and the current Minor Theater. These new facilities will provide a space that can be used specifically for the theatre and art departments. The new theatre and arts facilities will be located on the south side of College Hill Road on the Molly Root Property.

The plans originated during a previous strategic planning process. Right now, Hamilton is undergoing another five-year phase of strategic planning. The

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## *Former President Payne Passes Away*

**by Martin E. Connor '09**
*Editor-in-Chief*

On Monday January 9, 2008, Harry C. "Hank" Payne, president of the Woodward Academy and former president of Hamilton College, took his own life in midtown Atlanta, Georgia. Payne was 60 years old and leaves behind a wife, Deborah, and two sons, Jonathan and Samuel.

The Woodward College community and all who knew Payne were shocked to hear of his death. His fall from the eighth story of a midtown hotel was ruled a suicide by the Fulton County medical examiner's office, although the contents of the evincing note left behind were not made public.

Payne had a long and prestigious academic career. After receiving his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from Yale University, Payne took a teaching position at Colgate University. Twelve years later Payne moved to Haverford College were he served as acting president for a year before assuming the position of president here

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**Harry Payne Pres. '88-'93.**

at Hamilton in 1988, where he was welcomed with great enthusiasm.

"He was generally regarded as a breath of fresh air when he got to Hamilton," said Stephen Harper Kirner Professor of Computer Science Stuart Hirshfield, a personal friend of Payne during his tenure at Hamilton. "He brought a very fresh perspective to the college, which I think most people really appreciated. The trustees were very excited, as were the faculty," he added.

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# *Under the Tucson Sun:* Students Work at the Border

**by Mallory Reed '10**
*News Editor*

This winter break, 18 Hamilton students embarked on an educational and humanitarian aid trip to the borderlands of Southern Arizona. The group spent seven days in the Sonoran Desert with humanitarian organization No More Deaths patrolling migrant paths and stocking water stations. Through discussion with local activists, students learned about the effects of U.S. and Mexican border policy and the plight of Mexican migrants in the southern United States. Tori Nygren '10 said, "Looking back on my knowledge about the U.S. border policy and how I felt about illegal immigration before the trip, and comparing those feelings to what I know now, I am stunned at how naive we are living in the Northeast. Illegal immigration affects all parts of life in the Southwest."

The Hamilton trip to Arizona was organized entirely by student efforts. Participants represented all four class years and a wide variety of majors. Emma Stewart '09, "A huge part of this trip for me was trying to define my own set of beliefs about the border and undocumented immigration."

Clare Browne '11 echoed Stewart and added, "I just wanted to do something really meaningful over my break and thought that volunteering in the borderlands would be a great opportunity."

When not camping at the No More Deaths mobile camp about 10 miles over the border near the small ranching town of Arivaca, Arizona, students stayed with Corinne Bancroft '10 and her family at their home in Tucson. During the group's time in Tucson Bancroft organized presentations by individuals who deal with border and migrant issues year-round.

Students spoke with Ofelia Rivas, a member of the Tohono O'odham Native American Nation; Mike Wilson, a humanitarian activist featured in the documentary "Crossing Arizona;" journalist Ernesto Portillo Jr.; and professional environmentalist Greta Anderson. Additionally, the trip turned international when students crossed into Mexico and explored the border town of Nogales.

From the No More Deaths mobile camp, students participated in patrols with food, water, and medical packs for migrants. They used GPS devices to help map out migrant trails to help develop No More Deaths maps necessary for future patrols. Browne said, "Because of the strong presence of Border Patrol, a governmental force that deports migrants back to Mexico, migrants crossing the desert follow paths in rural areas far from food, water, or medical resources." As a result, many migrants die in the desert from exposure to extreme heat or cold, lack of water and food, and numerous other reasons.

Because winter is not a high-traffic time in the desert because of dangerously cold temperatures at night, not all students encountered Mexican migrants. However, Liz Kessler '10 said that "despite the fact that the volunteers rarely got to meet immigrants, there was always a tangible human presence that I felt even when we couldn't see people for miles."

On one patrol Stewart said, "We came across a dumpsite which must have had over 200 backpacks. This was a site where coyotes, who are individuals that migrants pay to help them cross into the United States, tell the migrants to drop all of their belongings so that they can be picked up and packed into cars." Stewart said that the desert was strewn with discarded belongings such as backpacks, water bottles, food wrappers, and children's toys, which Hamilton students picked up to recycle and reuse.

Kessler said, "Constantly coming across the debris of people's lives and following their footsteps was slightly eerie, but very touching. It was odd to me that among such extreme desperation, risk, and fear, there were constant reminders of the ordinary lives the immigrants lead."

When Tongxin Lu '11 did encounter a group of migrants who were charging their cell phones at the No More Deaths mobile camp, she said that she

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**Students relax at No More Deaths mobile camp in Arizona.**

"couldn't believe that they were the migrants we were trying to help." According to Lu, "the men looked just like us in their casual Nike sweatshirts and sneakers." Kessler echoed Lu and said, "the people I handed out water and food to were just regular people, not outlaws or heros. They were just ordinary people looking to find work in the U.S."

After returning from volunteering in Arizona, students are eager to share their knowledge with the Hamilton Community. Stewart said, "What I understand after this trip is that the human suffering south of and at the border is intolerable. We need comprehensive reform that will both stimulate Mexico's economy and provide a way for the ample supply of labor in Mexico to meet the ample demand for labor in the U.S."

Bancroft expressed excitement over sharing the reality of life at the Southern United States border with her peers. She said, "It was really amazing to bring people from New York to Arizona because they got to experience the power of an experience I live everyday." Because it is difficult to fathom the effects of border policy in upstate New York, Bancroft said, "I hope the students who participated on the trip can help me articulate it to Hamilton." Participants plan to hold an awareness symposium for the Hamilton Community in which they will present what they learned and did in Arizona and show the documentary film "Crossing Arizona."

# $2.5 Million Donation For Renovating Arts Facilities

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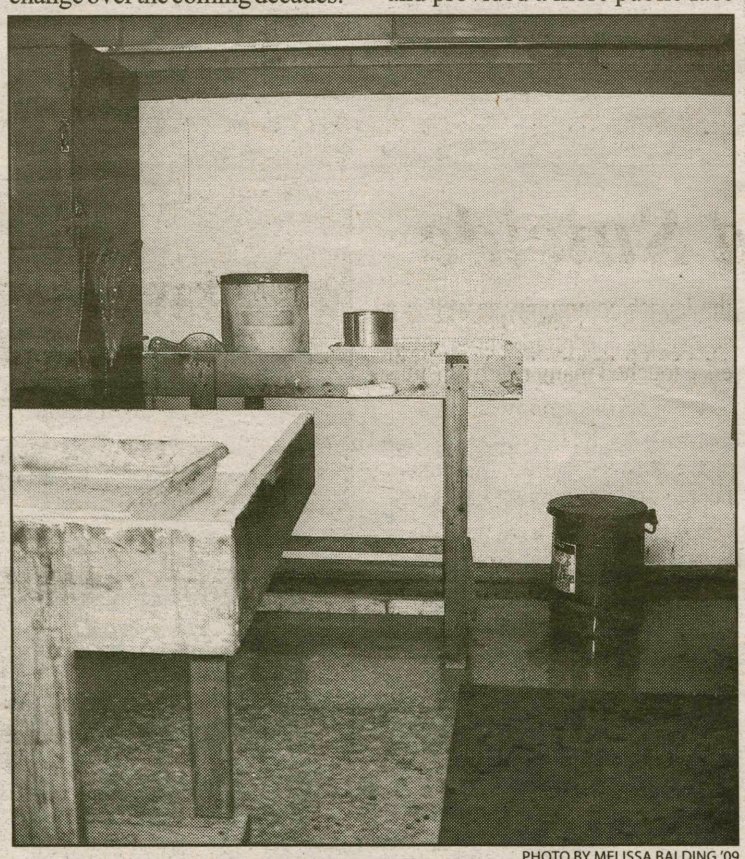
original proposal for the new facilities was drawn up in a report in the spring of 2001 by members of the Hamilton community including students, administrators, faculty, and staff. The trustees authorized a programming study and hired an architect. A committee of Hamilton community members was formed to oversee this new phase.

Pellman identified the current limitations of the arts facilities: "All three areas, including the theatre program, the studio art program, and the Emerson Gallery, are seriously constrained by their current facilities. Presently the faculty and students who make and study art here feel they first have to find ways to circumvent the limitations of the current spaces, and this requires considerable effort and resources that could be better used for making art and theatre instead."

Pellman hopes the immediate effects of the new facilities "will be a blossoming of the art programs as they find themselves in spaces that are well-lit, well-ventilated, well-connected by state-of-the-art technology, and are laid out in ways that are much more conducive to good teaching and learning. Furthermore, we are planning for these spaces to be maximally flexible so that they can continue to serve the programs well as they change over the coming decades."

According to Professor of Theatre Craig Latrell, the new facilities "will increase the presence of the arts on the Hamilton campus. On other campuses, it has spurred enrollment in courses and provided a more public face



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**A drab looking print studio in the List Art Center.**

# Round Table Event On Climate Crisis

**by Mallory Reed '10**
*News Editor*

Next Thursday January 31, 2008 The Hamilton Environmental Action Group (HEAG) and Democracy Matters will hold a Green Democracy Round Table discussion. This event is a part of the Focus the Nation teach-in, a worldwide event to raise awareness, activism, and solutions to global climate change.

The event, which will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Chapel, will feature New York State Assemblyman David Townsend, Director of Environmental Protection, Safety and Sustainability Brian Hansen, Visiting Assistant Professor of Government Peter F. Cannavò, Alisha Fowler '06 and Emily Gunther '06, representing Graduates for a Greener Hamilton, and other local activists and community members. The discussion will provide students, faculty, and members of the larger Hamilton community the opportunity to interact with policymakers and activists about solutions to climate change.

According to President of Democracy Matters Kevin Rowe '10, "The Green Democracy Roundtable offers a tremendous opportunity for students to interact with the people who are driving government decision making on climate change.

We hope that this discussion will raise awareness about the climate crisis, but, more importantly, we hope to reach collaborative goals that we can meet together to reduce the Hamilton community's contribution to global warming."

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# New Hill Card Off to a Rocky Start

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of the Hill Card's much touted features.

Assimilation of the cards into the campus infrastructure, a process that began toward the end of last semester, has been difficult. Although the keycard reading systems have been installed on the outside of South, North, and Dunham residence halls and the All-Night Reading Room, none are active. In fact, when the Hill Card was mistakenly scanned on the inactive scanning equipment of the exterior of the dorm, Dunham residents were subjected to an alarm that took hours to shut off. According to Bill Kearney '08, a Dunham resident, "the alarm went off at the entrance to Dunham at around noon, and they couldn't turn it off for over two hours." Kearney saw Dunham residents "wandering around the halls; they didn't have a clue what was going on."

The alarm is likely the result of a malfunction in the new security feature being installed at Hamilton residence entrances. Once online, the Hill Card security system will allow students into all resident halls during the day. Card carriers will only be allowed to enter their own residence halls after midnight. Should door-propping be detected in one of the dorms, an alarm will sound. This feature has been hyped as a potential crime-stopper and a security boost.

Unstoppable alarms are not the only hiccups being reported in the system. A few Hamilton students speaking on the condition of anonymity have reported swiping their cards both at Commons Dining Hall and the Howard Diner during lunch and dinner without the use of bonus meals. When tested on Thursday evening, this did not happen with the writer's own meal card. However, rumors persist that the Hill Card may not yet be foolproof, especially after a program error in the cards of 21-meal plan students led to card carriers being denied repeat access to Commons and McEwen. The problem has since been corrected.

The problematic installation of the Hill Card's features have arguably proven to be the biggest irritation with Hamilton students. The door access, vending, laundry, copier access, and Campus Cash features of the card have yet to become fully active. However, the library announced Wednesday that one copier now supports the Hill Card.

Students from the Kirkland side of campus feel as if they have been ignored in the installation of door access entirely. "Darksiders get the shaft," said Keehn resident Amber Wheeless '11. "It actually made me kind of mad, like the Hamilton side of campus gets all the new features first."

This feeling that the residents of South, North, and Dunham are receiving special treatment seems to be ameliorating, however, now that the Hill Card has proven so difficult to implement. "I like the idea of updating our security systems to be on par with the rest of the NESCACs," Erin Evans '10 said, "but in a typical Hamilton fashion, it's taking forever."

While communications from the Office of Residential Life have been fairly vague when discussing the anticipated activation of the Hill Card, Dave Smallen's report to the student body on the card's progress asserts that "the system will go live in the three residence halls (North, South, and Dunham) by the end of the month."

"While the long road to the card's integration into the Hamilton network has left some lamenting the college's decision to update the system, the end result of added security and simplified life on the Hill will make the end result worth the disruption," said Campus Safety night shift supervisor Mike Jones. "I haven't heard that much about it, except that it's going to allow certain students access to certain dorms. In the end, I think it will turn out better than worse. Hopefully."

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**"The Meeting," directed by Professor of Theater Mark Cryer fictionally dipicts encounters between Malcom X and Reverend Martin Luther King Junior.**

# MLK Activities During This Weekend: *HAVOC; Sermon*

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and the future of African Americans," said Cryer. The show was sold-out for both performances on January 21 and 22 and included a southern-style dinner provided by Bon Appetit.

On January 30, the actors will perform "The Meeting" at Clinton High School for the entire student body. The actors enjoyed being part of such a meaningful play, which Mandela called "an important message and reminder." He added, "It feels great to be part of something big. It's even better to know that you have the attention of many and know you are saying something worth their attention." Cryer hopes to start a yearly tradition of multi-cultural theatre at Hamilton.

Twenty-seven members of the Hamilton community honored King through service on January 21, the College's second annual Employee Community Service Day. The group included people from Physical Plant, ITS, Dean of Students, HEOP, the Library, Office of the President, Chaplaincy, Study Abroad, and Foreign Languages, as well as six children of employees. "These are people who don't normally see each other on a daily basis, so this was really a good bonding activity," said Coordinator of Special Programs Amy James.

Volunteers painted and cleaned at the JCTOD Community Outreach in Cornhill and the United Cerebral Palsy, played games with residents and painted their fingernails at the Loretto Center Nursing Home, helped with maintenance work at the Sculpture Space, and cooked at the Hope House.

James was very pleased with the turnout and looks forward to next year, saying "All around, it was just a great day. It's just a win-win situation for all involved." She added, "We do hope to have a higher turnout of volunteers next year." On January 26 students will also volunteer on a special MLK Service Day, organized by HAVOC. Last year over 100 students volunteered.

On January 27, College Chaplain Jeff McArn will commemorate King through worship. The sermon will include passages from the Sermon on the Mount, which King used as a main component of his approach to social change. Student musicians and readers will assist in the service, which will include inspirational freedom songs. A similar service will be offered by visiting Chaplain Sylvia Wilson.

Dean Harrison voiced satisfaction with the hard work of the committee and looks forward to MLK Week next year. "If we change anything, we'll expand it," said Harrison.

# *Payne's Death Ruled Suicide*

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Though Payne's tenure at Hamilton was rather brief, lasting only until 1993, he left a notable legacy. "During that period the themes of equity, educational quality, and admissions were reexamined, with a particular focus on how the admission of students was affected by residential life," said Vice President for Information Technology David Smallen. "A planning process led to the construction of Beinecke Village in 1993 and the initiation of a study of Residential Life by the trustees. That study was completed after Hank left Hamilton and led to the critical Residential Life decision of March of 1995," when the college decided to do away with fraternity and sorority houses on campus.

In 1993 Payne left Hamilton to assume the position of President of Williams College. "There aren't many places he would have left Hamilton for," said Hirshfield. "It just so happens that Williams was one of them. There was certainly sentiment on campus that people were upset because he left, but that speaks to the potential [the Hamilton community] saw in him."

After seven years at Williams, Payne stepped down to serve as president of the Woodward Academy in Atlanta, where he was known to be an active and dedicated member of the Jewish community as well as a successful academic whose influence touched many nearby institutions, as well as Woodward itself.

Payne's legacy survives him along with his family. The many people and institutions that knew and benefited from his dedication have been quick to express their condolences for the loss of such an extraordinary individual, Hamilton not least among them.

"He was a wonderful friend and as down to earth as they come," said Hirshfield, "a rare combination of someone who was absolutely brilliant but also a regular guy. We were all shocked and saddened to hear the news [of his passing]."

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# How to Survive (Another) Long, Cold Hamilton Winter

**by Halley Allaire '08**
*Insights & Ideas Columnist*

There are many theories on campus about how to best cope with the seasonal (I apologize here: the word 'seasonal' can be misleading and appear to read 'terminable') climate we experience here on the Hill. Long jacket or thick ski jacket? Mittens or gloves? Waterproof Sorel boots or comfy Uggs? I leave this to your sense of fashion. However, there are some tips I can offer which I believe we can all agree on.

Don't be a freshman girl. I mean this figuratively, in the stereotypical sense of the description, of course. I hope we've all learned by now not to wear skimpy tops and short skirts to parties. Unless I'm mistaken and blue is in this season, looking like a Smurf is not going to get you anywhere with the boys. Not even Smurfette could pull tail in this weather. We call it a 'freshman mistake' for a reason

Bitch more. Shorts-and-T-shirt guy claimed that with his earphones providing a steady stream of hard rock he could stay warm all winter. I didn't believe it, and I would guess you probably didn't believe it either. I admit it; he managed to survive Hamilton winters in only shorts and t-shirts. That says something. Mad genius or just plain mad? Either way, it's crazy. The more you move around, the warmer you get. Bitching, if done with energy, can therefore become a rewarding activity. Exercise your First Amendment rights and speak out against this wintry hellscape we call home as energetically as possible.

Stop smoking. There really isn't much to say about this. Stop smoking, if not for your lungs, then for your fingers. It's just too cold out there.

Get friendly with Campus Safety, whom we lovingly called the Po. Now, I am not recommending that members of this community abuse the rules and regulations that have been put in place to protect us. However, if the Wag Movie taught us anything it is that the Po do offer rides at night around campus to students who do not feel safe walking around themselves. Ladies, Jack Frost is a threat to all of us. As an added bonus, you will have a chance to get to know the night Po. Friends don't write friends up for walking across Martin's Way with an open container last weekend singing Journey as loudly as they can.

Speaking of alcohol, drink more. Remember, I say this as a caring member of the community. I want you to stay warm. To stay warm the average person may require a beverage once every few hours. I am not certain what the Saint Bernard dogs of the Swiss Alps used to bring to fallen hikers, but I do know it was a warming liquid. I call upon Hamilton students to take precaution, and save themselves this winter. Be sure to warm yourself with a drink at least three times a day. Tea, coffee, hot cocoa, or whatever else you may have hidden away in your room. Drink up.

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*The Truth Has No Author*

## The Gossip Box

"The Daily Bullsh*t?"

### The Rumor

After the (very) public abandonment of his editorship of *The Daily Bull*, Lord Apolon is actually writing the newly revamped *Bull* entirely by himself. His staff of writers long since fired, he has altered the *Bull*'s modus operandi from being pretentiously esoteric to the voice of a freshman girl, hungry for approval of her mixture of peppiness and, ahem, 'wit.'

### The Evidence

Any new editor-in-chief of a campus publication needs to be confirmed by the Hamilton College Media Board in order for school funds to be utilized for its publication. The Media Board has not yet met this semester, making a new appointment for the editorship an impossibility, and various members have claimed not to know the identity of the new editor at all. If a new *Daily Bull* editor hasn't been confirmed, then either the new editor is operating outside Hamilton College rules for publication, or the original editor never left... This theory is further supported by the fact that Lord Apolon is still a member of the Media Board, a position automatically given to the editor-in-chief of campus publications. Why would someone no longer involved in a campus publication still retain their position on the Media Board? Some may argue that the current writing style of the 'mystery' *Bull* editor is too sophomoric for an accomplished writer like Lord Apolon. Our response? Stupid like a *fox*.

### The Conclusion

Lord Apolon is secretly printing out *The Daily Bull*, but for what ends? Our theory: after those on the Hill decried his brainchild as "'too obscure," Apolon decided to give the campus exactly what it wanted. After a semester of forcing the campus to suffer reading *"The Continental Light"* every morning, Apolon will reveal himself in a manner just as dramatic as his departure, and we will embrace his arcane literary references like never before.

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## Thumbs up

Campus safety's new hybrid car… about as fuel efficient as driving in circles can be.

Health Center now open for business on Saturdays… just 12 hours after you were.

Faith-sponsored pub events… What Would Jesus Drink?

Not being from New England.

## Thumbs down

The tragic demise of Heath Ledger: gosh, I hope they finished The Dark Knight… too soon?

The new Daily Bull… the only time I want to hear a "freshman girl's" opinions is before I get in her pants, (and really, not even then).

School on Martin Luther King Jr. Day: at least we get to celebrate delicious stereotypes with fried chicken and collard greens Bon Appetit style!

Buying books: the only thing worse than returning a $120 book for $20 is paying $120 for it in the first place.

Having to hear all the "amazing" things you did over break… I sat around and watched Harry Potter, so suck it.

## Who Cares

Jan admits… wait until your spirit is mercilessly crushed by a bad life decision before you talk to me.

Your bad fake tan: honestly, it doesn't look like you went anywhere when your skin color matches Tony the Tiger.

The Hill Card: It does everything your meal card did and nothing else. Apology effective June 2008.

The Student Assembly Parliamentarian… "What would ya say ya do here?"

by Sarah Cornblath '08
& Anthony DelConte '10

# THE SPECTATOR

## *What are we really doing here ?*

One of the best remarks about the Hamilton campus I ever heard I received just a few days into my stay at Hamilton on my Adirondack Adventure trip in August of 2005. Sitting around a campfire in the middle of the woods, my trip leader Pete Holzaepfel '05 noted that, "One of the coolest things about Hamilton is that the campus is always changing. Each semester many people leave, but whether it be people coming back from studying abroad, or Jan admits, or even new faculty, there is always something new to discover or someone interesting you've never met even within a small community like ours." I spent this past semester away from the Hamilton campus, and as I get settled into my (triumphant?) return this spring I find myself thinking about that very notion of change at Hamilton. Not solely on a physical level, but within each person on campus every semester there is always that slight tweaking of perspective that facilitates growth and prompts us to ponder: What are we really doing here?

I spent the majority of my time at home this fall reflecting on that very question. Being in New Jersey (where, contrary to popular belief, thought does occur) allowed me literally to pluck myself out of the whirlwind of life on The Hill and figuratively become an outside observer in my own college education. Though unsure of the direction of many things in my life, my thoughts consistently wandered back to the snowy microcosm that is Hamilton College.

Now that I am back, the idea of change could not be more apparent. Every time I drive up the hill my ears pop, and I constantly make a wrong turn on the dark side road and end up at the dead end. There are booths at McEwen now, and where in God's name is the Tolles Pavilion? I digress.

The ironic thing about change is that it is constant. In whatever way you create or define change, the one absolute is that it is inevitable. Before I took time off from school, a big problem of mine was my reluctance to evolve within and with Hamilton. For me, it took time away from the hill to appreciate its opportunities and to understand the whole point of this place is not just intellectual, but personal growth.

Though the majority of you have been here all year, I encourage everyone to not see this semester as a continuation of the last. Rather, be aware of the changes around us and consider how you can make your own improvements. This physical campus is not stagnant, and you would be doing yourself a disservice not to follow this example.

Whether you are making Knit Happen, sledding on Commons trays, doing independent research, drinking on Tuesday, or sitting in your room playing video games, you are making a choice. Even a lack of initiative is your decision to refrain. There are no parents here to approve or disapprove of your actions. The questions I pose to every person on this campus is: How do your choices reflect on you? Is this the person you want to be? In The Apology, Socrates writes that "the unexamined life is not worth living." In the spirit of change, I encourage everyone to take a good look around. It is apparent that the scenery of the Spring 2008 semester is different, thus, could you use a little spring cleaning yourself?

With that said, I offer a hearty welcome back to students, faculty, and staff. Whatever point this is in your illustrious Hamilton career, it is never too late to learn, grow, change, and most importantly, flourish.

**by Lauren Moon**
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# Letters to the Editor: Diversity is Important

Tim Minella's article in the Spectator before Winter Break ("Talk of Intolerance and Diversity Overblown"), written in response to my own article discussing the goals of the Social Justice Initiative, deserves a reply in appreciation for his valid warning against "isolated echo chambers" of student thought. I should note that since the Social Justice Initiative has yet to meet this semester, I am speaking only for myself and not the SJI. Specific policy proposals, such as the SJI's desires to improve hate crime reporting procedures, create a cultural awareness center, and improve exposure to diversity issues at Hamilton, will be addressed at a later time. For now, I will stick to counterarguments, with the hope that those who disagree will perceive this not as a "battle" but an opportunity.

Tim first takes issue with the scope of intolerance on Hamilton's campus, suggesting there have been no incidents documenting Hamilton students engaged in prejudicial behavior. In response to my presentation of statements collected by the SJI where students described such behavior, he states "until the alleged harassers are allowed to defend themselves, we cannot regard these anonymous reports as evidence of a generally prejudicial environment." I admit, as I tried to make clear in my initial article, that these incident reports were never intended to be a scientific sample of the campus population. But the testimony of harassers is irrelevant to the situation, because it is students' perceptions that determine their experience of prejudice. If a student feels unwelcome because of their ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation, regardless of the intentions of those around them, they are more likely to perceive their Hamilton experience poorly. Unless you believe that the anonymous respondents are lying (Tim does not desire to "impugn the honesty of those making these reports", sensible given that the submission of the reports indicates student dissatisfaction with campus climate), you must conclude that there are some individuals on campus who feel marginalized.

In any case, the results from HamPoll's survey of students in October (printed in the same issue as Tim's remarks) convincingly corroborate these accounts of intolerance. In this racially representative survey, 22% of minority students reported their opinion being ignored in class because of their race (compared to 4% of white students). Furthermore, 5% of respondents (21 people in total) "considered leaving Hamilton because their races or ethnicities were not respected." Given that no one reasonably wants student's opinions to be ignored or Hamilton to lose students, both of these figures are substantial and thus worthy of significant attention. While I plan to perform further statistical analysis on this data to test the evidence, the raw figures suggest there is a troublesome level of intolerance at Hamilton.

I admit that I too was unaware of many of the concerns of tolerance at Hamilton until I began to interact more frequently with those affected by prejudice. The fact that these problems remain invisible provides an important argument for further collaboration in- our community.

Tim moves on from doubts about the problem to condemn ethnic diversity efforts. His position appears to be that colleges exist to teach, not to provide multiculturalism. The irony of this position is that education and diversity complement each other, as conceded by the Supreme Court in 2003 (Grutter v. Bollinger found a compelling interest for universities to maintain non-quota based affirmative action in large part because "numerous studies show that student body diversity promotes learning outcomes"). Benefits of a racially diverse campus including greater civic participation, increased critical thinking skills, and higher chances of graduation (I refer interested readers to the American Educational Research Association's amicus briefs to the Supreme Court in Grutter v. Bollinger and Parents v. Seattle for a detailed summary of evidence in the field). A system of encouraging racial diversity has thus been proven to help provide the diversity of opinion that both Tim and I prize.

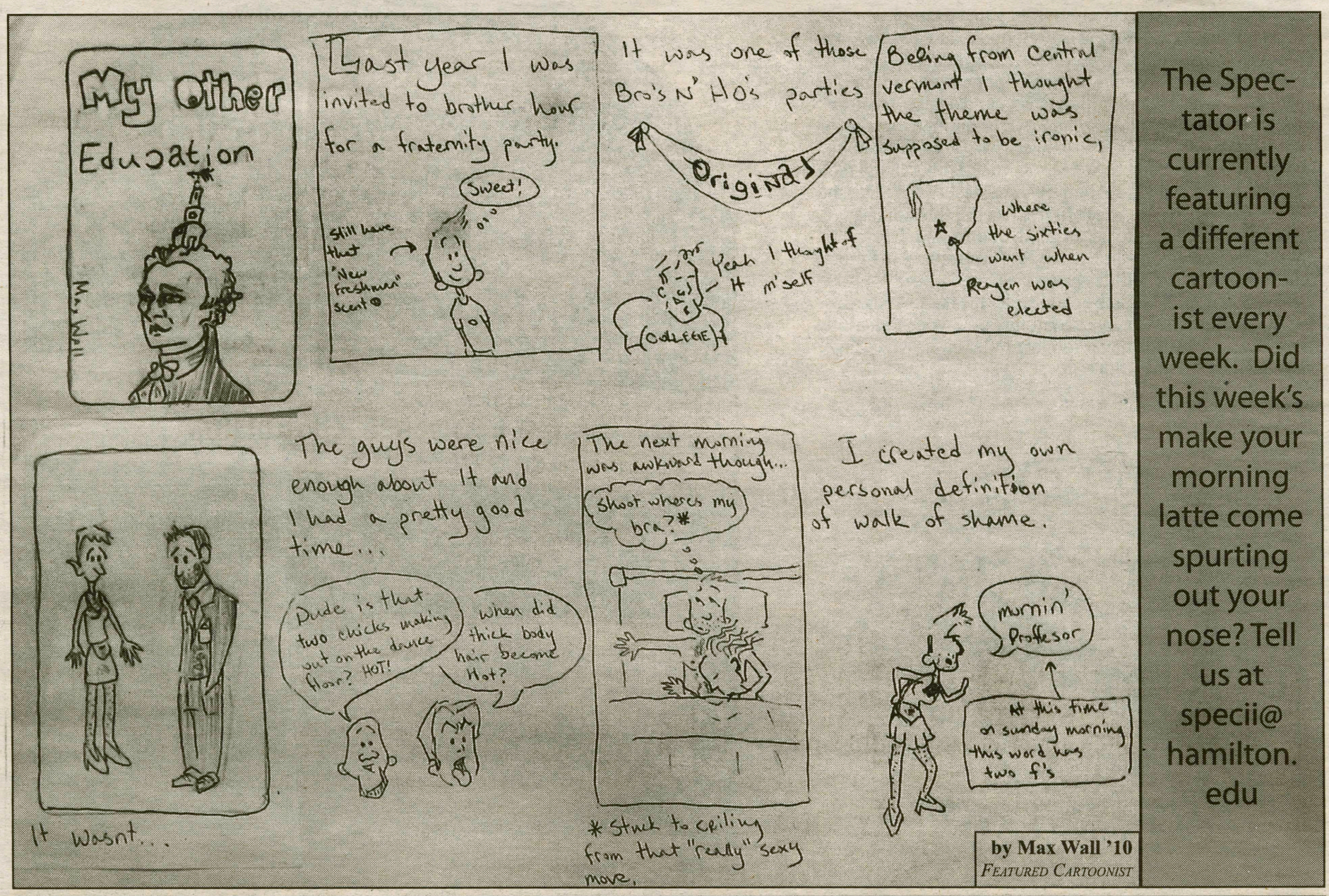
Tim's critiques of the SJI proposals seem similarly flawed. The suggestion that instead of seeking institutional change, concerned students should "talk to those whose behavior we object to" is admirable but often unfeasible. In the case of the major incidents of intolerance discussed on campus, the perpetrators were unknown or hostile, preventing talking from being an option. In addition, as this debate illustrates, discussing intolerance is a touchy subject, and I suspect that many harassers would react negatively to suggestions that they are intolerant rather than changing their behavior. While institutional change is not the whole solution, it will provide greater opportunities for any transformational conversations to occur.

The other opposition to the SJI proposals is a rather mystifying argument by absurdity. Tim seems to misunderstand my claim that future employment is assisted by every variety of knowledge about diversity, instead interpreting my words to suggest success through understanding diversity will require that "you need to know the ins and outs of every various culture and minority group on this earth." I accept some fault for this misunderstanding, as in retrospect my use of the word "every" in the article could have been clearer; nonetheless, the rebutting statement is absurd. Studying any field is a cumulative process, and I see no reason why a manageable commitment to diversity fields would not impart valuable knowledge and skills when a supposedly excessive effort would do so.

Lastly, Tim's claim not to understand the necessity for diversity education is surprising. He may not "see what the difference is between interacting with straight people and interacting with gay people," but as a simple example, I strongly suspect that the use of words like "gay" as pejorative terms in everyday language are in general more distressing to a person who self-identifies as gay. Simply choosing not to use callous language, based on understanding acquired through education, is a difference in interaction. Furthermore, exposure to gay culture and viewpoints can inform our debates on civil unions, adoption laws, and military service; Tim's stated desire for differences of opinion on issues is fostered by acceptance of different identities.

To Tim, a college should not try to go about "'changing the world'," but "the college should empower its students to pursue their own goals and interests." In a world that retains inherent inequalities, empowering students means changing the world. It means breaking out of cycles that leave racial minorities charged with higher sentences than whites for identical crimes (according to a literature review by the Sentencing Project); that allow political candidates and military generals (Mike Huckabee, Rick Santorum, and Peter Pace, to name a few) to boldly equate homosexuality with adultery or bestiality; and that offer mothers substantially lower wages than equally qualified men (see Correll, Bernard, and Paik, "Getting a Job: Is There a Motherhood Penalty?" in American Journal of Sociology, March 2007). I agree that Hamilton College has taken important steps to remedy intolerance. But the continued dissatisfaction among students of all backgrounds shows that these efforts have not yet been enough, and we must continue pursuing solutions to these problems. To laugh them off as "overblown" does a disservice to the evidence and to the legitimate concerns of members of the Hamilton community.

- Kye Lippold '10


My Other Education
Max Wall
Last year I was invited to brother hour for a fraternity party.
Sweet!
Still have that "New freshmen" scent
It was one of those Bro's N' Ho's parties
Original
(COLLEGE)
Yeah I thought of it m'self
Being from Central vermont I thought the theme was supposed to be ironic,
where the sixties went when Reagen was elected
The guys were nice enough about it and I had a pretty good time...
Dude is that two chicks making out on the dance floor? HOT!
When did thick body hair become Hot?
It Wasnt...
The next morning was awkward though...
Shoot where's my bra?*
* Stuck to ceiling from that "really" sexy move.
I created my own personal definition of walk of shame.
mornin' Professor
At this time on sunday morning this word has two f's
by Max Wall '10
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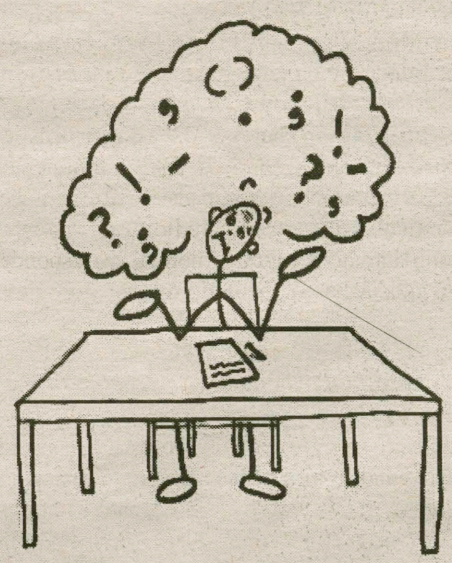



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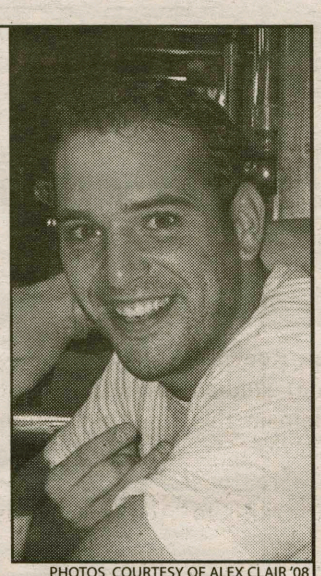
# FEATURES

## Bachelor & Bachelorette of the Week

### *Alex Clair '08*



PHOTOS COURTESY OF ALEX CLAIR '08

**Age:** 21
**Eye Color:** Hazel
**Height:** 6'0"
**Sign:** Pisces
**Hometown:**Walden, NY
**Major:** Math
**On Campus Activities:** Football, IM sports, DU, former La Vanguardia, RA
**Interested In:** Women
**What You Are Looking For Now**: Someone to keep my life in order

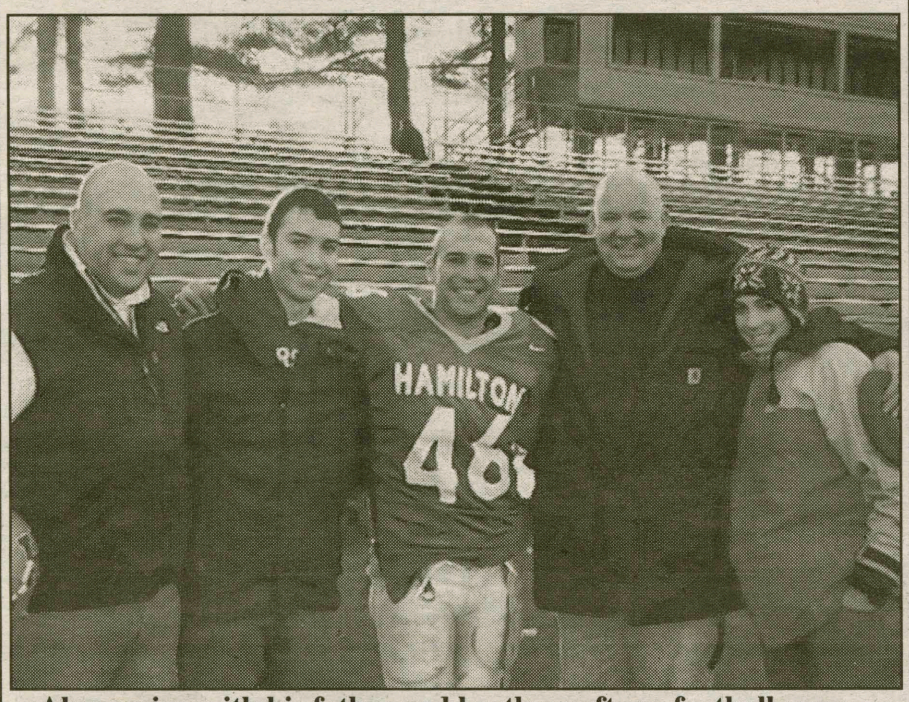
***Ideal Date:***

**On Campus:** Long walk through the Glen, stop to observe the construction of KJ, save her from almost wiping out on the Martin's way bridge, bonus her at the diner...and then bonus her as many times as she wants later.
**Off Campus:** Fine dining at Burrito Jonz, shotgun some 'Stones in the Clinton gazebo, and then take a romantic jitney ride back to my room where we can "watch a movie."
**Turn Ons:** Dark hair, in shape, sense of humor, athlete, intelligent, not a b*!ch, dancers are a plus
**Turn Offs:** Girls who can't handle their liquor, if you have never been to Eells basement, you're probably not my type.
**Dating Deal Makers:** A girl who is willing to make the first move.
**Dating Deal Breakers:** A girl who makes too many moves.

***Favorites***

**Place On Campus:** Eells basement
**Exercise At The Gym:** GHR's
**Gift to give:** Bonuses
**Gift to get:** Bonuses
**Song:** "Soulja Boy" (only if shirtless Zake is dancing)
**Book:** *Moneyball*
**Movie:** Fight Club
**"Guilty Pleasure" Song:** anything BSB
**"Guilty Pleasure" Movie:** A Knight's Tale (RIP Heath)
**Celeb Crush:** Eva Mendez
**Breakfast:** Two eggs easy, toast, coffee...bonuses
**Sitcom:** Scrubs
**Quote:** "Where are you?"

**If I were an animal I would be**: Bonobo monkeys, google it
**If I could go anywhere in the world I would go to:** Ireland, gotta visit the motherland.
**If I were a character from English lit, I would be:** Does Maxim count as English lit?
**The best pick-up line I have used:** "Want a drink?"
**The best pick-up line that has worked on me:** "Want a drink?"
**If I were out with a date and were charged by a bear I would:**
A) Throw my date in front of the bear and run
B) Expose my breast to the bear and scream "Take me instead!"
C) Team up and try to fight the bear
***D) Other: I thought Frank graduated last year?***




**Alex posing with his father and brothers after a football game.**

### *Emily Johnston '10*

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**Age:** 20
**Eye Color:** Blue
**Height:** 5'11"
**Sign:** Scorpio
**Hometown:** Hingham,MA
**Major:** History?
**On Campus Activities:** HEAT, Top Sol, Rugby, singing off-key while dancing around campus
**Interested In:**Men (let me know if you see any)
**What You Are Looking For Now**: Friendship first...then we'll see how it goes

***Ideal Date:***

**On Campus:**going to the school musical and then going to a dance party
**Off Campus:** dinner at The Only then finishing the night skinny dipping in the reservoir ;)
**Turn Ons:** sense of humor, confidence, and a good cook
**Turn Offs:** immaturity, drama, and arrogance
**Dating Deal Makers:** good dancer, goofy, and can do the Haka
**Dating Deal Breakers:** rude to yo momma

***Favorites***

**Place On Campus:** Dance Studio, my room, or commons until closing
**Exercise At The Gym:**we have a gym?
**Gift to give:** my goodies
**Gift to get:** anything handmade
**Song:** "Our Song" by Taylor Swift
**Book:** *Lord of the Rings*
**Movie:** Happy Feet
**"Guilty Pleasure" Song:** anything Ace of Base
**"Guilty Pleasure" Movie:** How to Win a Date with Tad Hamilton
**Celeb Crush:** Jennifer Garner
**Breakfast:** mocha chip ice cream
**Sitcom:** Fresh Prince of Bel Air
**TV Show:** ALIAS
**Quote:** "Friendship is like peeing on yourself: everyone can see it, but only you get the warm feeling that it brings." - anonymous

**If I were an animal I would be**: A penguin so I could dance all day.
**If I could go anywhere in the world I would go to:** Australia, for the accents.
**If I were a character from English lit, I would be:** Legolas from Lord of the Rings because I would be a sick Elfin fighter and I would rock the pointy ears
**The best pick-up line I have used:** "Can I have your numbah?"
**The best pick-up line that has worked on me:** pick-up lines don't work - Just be yourself.
**If I were out with a date and were charged by a bear I would:**
A) Throw my date in front of the bear and run
B) Expose my breast to the bear and scream "Take me instead!"
***C) Team up and try to fight the bear***
D) Other:

**Emily (L) being hoisted into the air to capture the ball during a line out in a victory for Hamilton College women's rugby team.**

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# Smart Shopping with Feng: Jasmine's Style

**by Fenglin Zhao '10**
*Fashion Columnist*

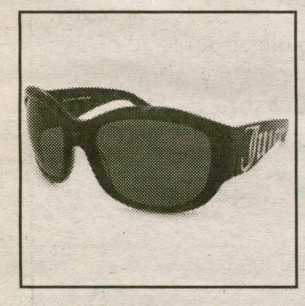
*Dedicated to Friendship...*

As one of those people with an identity crisis, I live in a constant influx of fashion senses. I would tie a fluffy hello kitty on my cell phone for a month when I was in Asia and get rid of it the moment my plane landed at JFK International Airport.

My best friend Jasmine and I have been each other's fashion critic since we first met at the age of six. Over the years, partially due to constant traveling and partially due to my indecisive nature, my style has changed vastly under Jasmine's strict scrutiny.

On the other hand, I know exactly her hardly-changed likings: pink, leopard skin, bows, laces, fuzziness, skulls and anything you would point at and say, "God, that's so Asian." As much as I adore what's favored in this country, I would like to share with you some inspirations I got from my dearest friend Jas over break.

1. Juicy couture gossip oversized sunglasses
price: $120
link: www.smartbargains.com



2. Silene By Fornarina
Price: $96
Link: www.djpremium.com

3. Leopard Heart Dangle Earrings
price: $8
link: www.hottopic.com

4. Betsey Johnson- Mega Dot Charmeuse Long Sleeve
Price: $355
Link: www. betseyjohnson.com

# What's Cookin' in the CoOp: Vietnamese Food

**by Amelia Conlon '08**
*Features Columnist*

Co-Op member Rebecca Yaguda (a.k.a. Guda) studied abroad in South Vietnam this fall. Lucky for us, she brought back some yummy recipes and amazing culinary skills to share.

Vietnamese Red Curry by Rebecca Yaguda
Serves about 20

Ingredients:
1.5 pints chickpeas
1/4 cup vegetable oil
1 tablespoon lemongrass, finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 small jar red curry paste (230 grams)
1 tablespoon salt (or more to taste)
1/2 cup sugar
1 tablespoon dried chili flakes (less if you don't like spicy food)
4 eggplants, cut into 3x3-inch chunks
1 lb. green beans
8 cups coconut milk
1 tablespoon annatto seeds

2 cups roughly chopped roasted peanuts

Method:
In a pressure cooker, cook the chickpeas on high for about 23 minutes.

In a large bowl, mix the eggplant with the curry paste, salt, sugar, and chili flakes until the eggplant is coated.
In a large wok, heat three tablespoons vegetable oil. Once the oil is hot, turn the heat to medium-low and fry the garlic and lemongrass until it turns light brownish or yellow.

Add green beans to the wok and stir-fry for 5 minutes.

Add the eggplant mixture to the wok and stir-fry for 10 minutes, or until eggplant becomes soft.

Add the wok's contents to a large pot, and heat on medium until the small amount of liquid is boiling.

Add the coconut milk, stir the mixture well, and cook on medium-low for about 25 minutes, or until the green beans become soft.

In a small pan, heat the rest of the vegetable oil (a little more than 1/8 cup) with the annatto seeds on low heat.

When the oil turns dark-red, discard the seeds and add the oil to the curry. This should turn the curry red. If not, heat more vegetable oil with the seeds and add it to the curry.

After the pot has been on the heat for 25 minutes, add the chickpeas and cook for another 10 minutes.

Serve the curry with the chopped peanuts as a garnish and with white rice for soaking up the curry. Yum!

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**If you answered yes to any of these questions, you could be a Features writer. Contact rmintzer or dsadove for details.**

# *Lotions and Potions*: Winter Break Beauty

**by Elizabeth Kosar '10**
*Beauty Columnist*

Break was awesome. Not only did I get to spend approximately 80 percent of my time eating or sleeping, which are definitely my two favorite things to do, but I got to discover some really awesome new beauty products. I don't know about everyone else, but I tend to get stuck in ruts appearance-wise. However, thanks to the side bags I finally gave into, and some gentle prodding from one of my best friends, I've updated a little.

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**Mac Lip Conditioner looks great and tastes like vanilla.**

***MAC Lip Conditioner in Fuchsia Fix:***

Totally thought that this was waaaay too bright. But then I dabbed it on and it looked so fresh. Not nude but not in your face either. And it tastes like vanilla, which means it's going fast cause I like to lick it off.

***Avalon Organics Nourishing Conditioner:***

Nobody really watches Grey's Anatomy anymore because let's face it, it sucks. I blame Callie.

WWW.AMAZON.COM

**Grey's may have gone downhill, but this conditioner is still great.**

Anyway, in one of the old, GOOD episodes, Derek tells Meredith about how during their last kiss, her hair smelled like lavender. I am always looking for my McDreamy, so I picked up this lavender conditioner and was amazed that not only did it smell good, it also did wonders for my split ends.

***Stila Illuminating Liquid Foundation:***

I hate to exercise, so that glow that people who actually move their asses get tends to elude me. Well it did, until I started using this foundation. It's not shimmery, it's glowy. I look like I've been doing yoga instead of eating Twizzlers and watching One Tree Hill for three hours.

Vitamin E: I hit my headwith a car door over break. I developed a nasty bruise around a small cut. I put vitamin E gel on the cut to prevent scarring, and I swear it helped the bruise too. I swore I was going to use it on my next injury from stupidity (which unfortunately occurred two days later.)

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**by Jacob Murray '09**
*Arts & Entertainment Editor*

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#### Top Albums
1. Juno - Various Artists
2. Special Company - Josh Kelley
3. Pocketful of Sunshine - Natasha Bedingfield
4. Once - Various Artists
5. Little Voice - Sara Bareilles

#### Top Songs
1. Low - Flo Rida
2. Don't Stop the Music - Rihanna
3. Love Song - Sara Bareilles
4. With You - Chis Brown
5. Take You There - Sean Kingston

### MOVIES
*(Yahoo! Box Office Charts)*
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2. 27 Dresses
3. The Bucket List
4. Juno
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9. I Am Legend
10. Atonement

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# Juno Pregnant With Oscar Nominations

**by Ashley Stagner '09**
*Arts & Entertainment Writer*

Juno: An indie film about teenage pregnancy that no one expected to become a big hit but did. The witty dialogue, Juno's quirky personality, and the heartfelt ending all contributed to the movie's success.

Juno is not like other movies about teenage pregnancy; an obvious example is the satirical movie *Saved!* in which the main character, Mary, decides to keep her baby and teaches all of the other characters that the world cannot be divided into black and white. In Juno, sixteen year old Juno (Ellen Page) realizes that she cannot have an abortion—the baby has fingernails. So, with the advice of her best friend Leah, she begins looking through the Pennysaver newspaper for couples wanting to adopt a baby. Looking through the classifieds in the Pennysaver is not the typical way of trying to find suitable adoptive parents, but then again, nothing about Juno (or the movie itself) is typical.

Paulie Bleeker (Superbad's Michael Cera) is Juno's best friend and the father of her baby. Bleeker is in love with Juno, but she does not admit to feeling the same. In fact, the reason why she has sex with him is because of boredom and curiosity. It is only at the end of the movie that Juno realizes her true feelings for Bleeker.

Bleeker is a surprising character. His red racecar bed, addiction to orange tic-tacs, and physical appearance do not automatically put him in the love interest category, but his loyalty to Juno has all the audience members rooting for him.

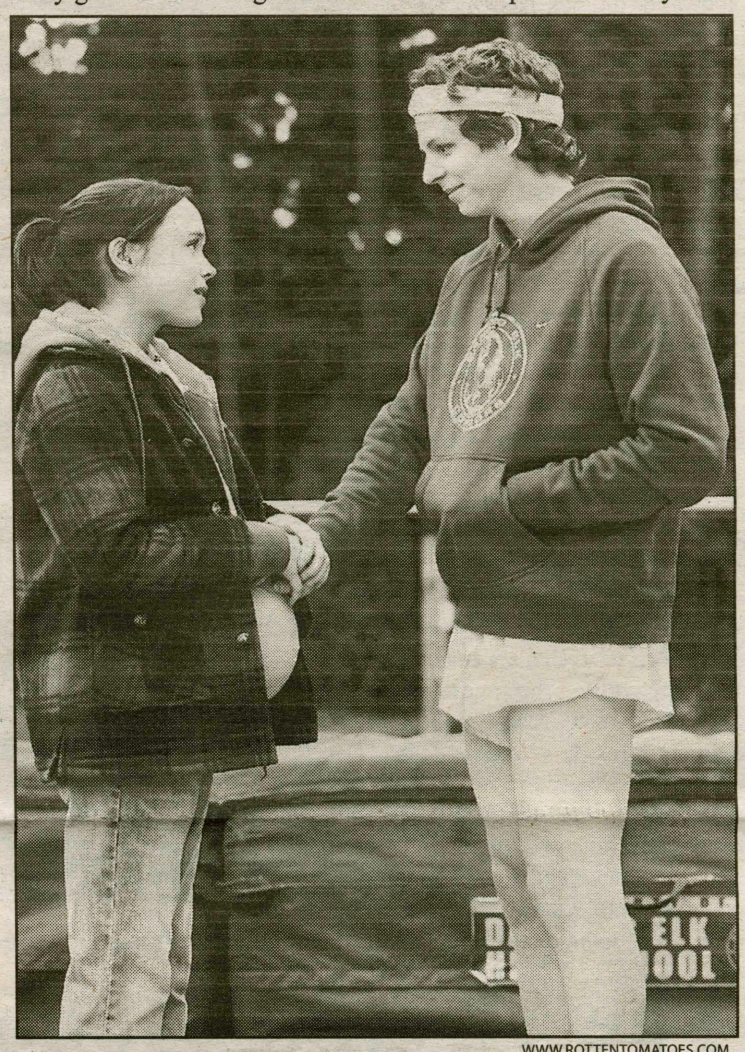
Juno does find the adoptive parents of her dreams: Mark (Jason Bateman) and Vanessa (Jennifer Garner) Loring. Mark is a thirty-something commercial jingle composer who used to be in a somewhat successful rock band, and now he stores all of his memorabilia from that time in a small room in the basement because Vanessa wants him to act his age. Vanessa dreams of being a mother, and after being let down once in a potential adoption, she is excited but wary of Juno's decision. Juno and Mark have a lot in common, ranging from their same taste in music to their love of horror movies. The two of them become quite close, and Juno comes over to his house relatively often. However, their rendezvous are for the most part kept secret from Vanessa. A confession from Mark ruins Juno's picturesque plans for her baby, but Juno realizes that not everything in life can be perfect.

Juno's parents provide unbelievable support for her during her pregnancy and also provide the audience their dry wit. Her father and step-mother, both with their own quirks, represent the kind of parents that any girl in Juno's situation would want.

Named after the Roman god, Juno is a sixteen year old girl whose quirky sense of humor is, as her father states, "just one of many of her genetic gifts." For example, one day before school, Juno and Leah collect discarded furniture from the neighborhood and assemble a nice living room arrangement on Bleeker's lawn. She has a hamburger phone that does not always work correctly and an addiction to super-sized blue slushies. Juno is who she is—she does not pretend to be someone she isn't. For this reason she is partly excluded from the other students at school yet beloved by her close friends and family.

The soundtrack to Juno is a really good mix of songs that fit perfectly with Juno's personality. Kimya Dawson is prominently featured on the CD, along with Belle & Sebastian and Antsy Pants. The soundtrack also includes Michael Cera's and Ellen Page's rendition of "Anyone Else But You" by The Moldy Peaches.

If you have not seen Juno yet, do so now, because you do not want to miss what will surely be the best picture of the year.



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**Emmy Nominated Ellen Page and Michael Cera.**

# Respected Actor Heath Ledger Found Dead

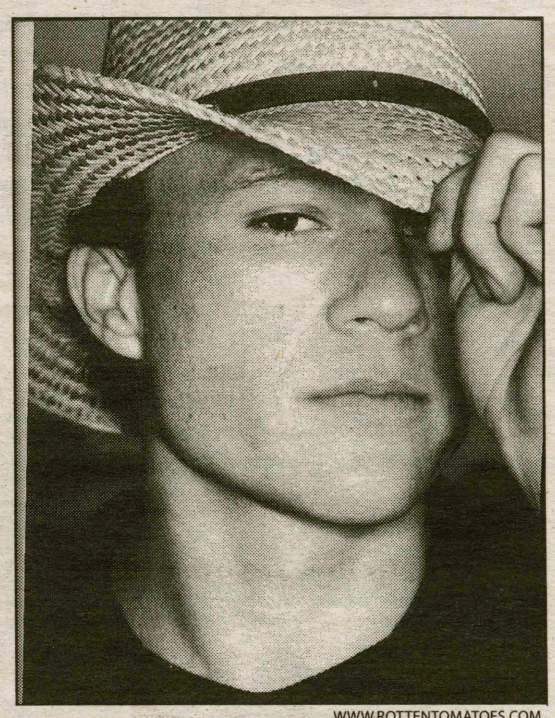
**by Jacob Murray '09**
*Arts & Entertainment Editor*

On Tuesday January 22, Hollywood was shocked by the tragic news of Heath Ledger's death. Ledger's housekeeper found him motionless at the foot of his bed in his Manhattan apartment with a bottle of prescription sleeping pills nearby. According to CNN, authorities do not believe that it was a murder. An initial autopsy done on Wednesday did not reveal the exact cause of death, and more investigation must be done before they can make an official statement. Officials, however, have not ruled out suicide. Ledger was 28 years old when he passed away.

Heath Ledger started his acting career at seventeen years old on a television show called "Sweat," which was filmed in his hometown. Ledger played a gay cyclist in the series. However, he jumpstarted his career three years later in the movie "10 Things I Hate About You," in which he played teen heartthrob Patrick Verona. Along with Julia Stiles, he was nominated for various awards for both the MTV Movie Awards and the Teen Choice Awards, but he never won. In 2000, he played Mel Gibson's son in "The Patriot," which received decent reviews despite making very little money. Ledger took additional roles in movies like "A Knight's Tale," "Lords of Dogtown," and "The Brothers Grimm," none of which received wonderful reviews from critics. It wasn't until 2005 that Heath Ledger starred in well-received movie that amassed over fifty million dollars, with Brokeback Mountain. He was nominated for an Academy Award for best lead actor. Ledger was also able to show his wide range in acting as The Joker in the upcoming Batman movie, "The Dark Knight." It seems, however, as though production was completed before Heath Ledger passed away last Tuesday.

As far as his personal life, Heath Ledger was involved in many relationships across his acting career. He had dated both Heather Graham and Lisa Zane before he had a more serious relationship with Naomi Watts in 2002. After the production of Brokeback Mountain, he and actress Michelle Williams became engaged. In 2005, Michelle gave birth to Matilda Rose, their daughter. Unfortunately, according to *US Weekly*, Heath and Michelle reportedly split because of their demanding schedules.

Although Heath Ledger was only 28 years old when he died, he accomplished much outside of the realm of acting. He had hoped to become a talented director as well as own his own record company. He did just that in 2006 with the help of Ben Harper, when he directed a music video for Harper's song, "Morning Yearning." He also voiced the desire to create a movie based on the death of musician Nick Drake. Ledger's wide range of both acting and producing skills will be highly missed in Hollywood. His ability to portray disparate characters, such as Patrick Verona and The Joker, is very unique in movies today. His family, friends, and millions of fans will miss him greatly.



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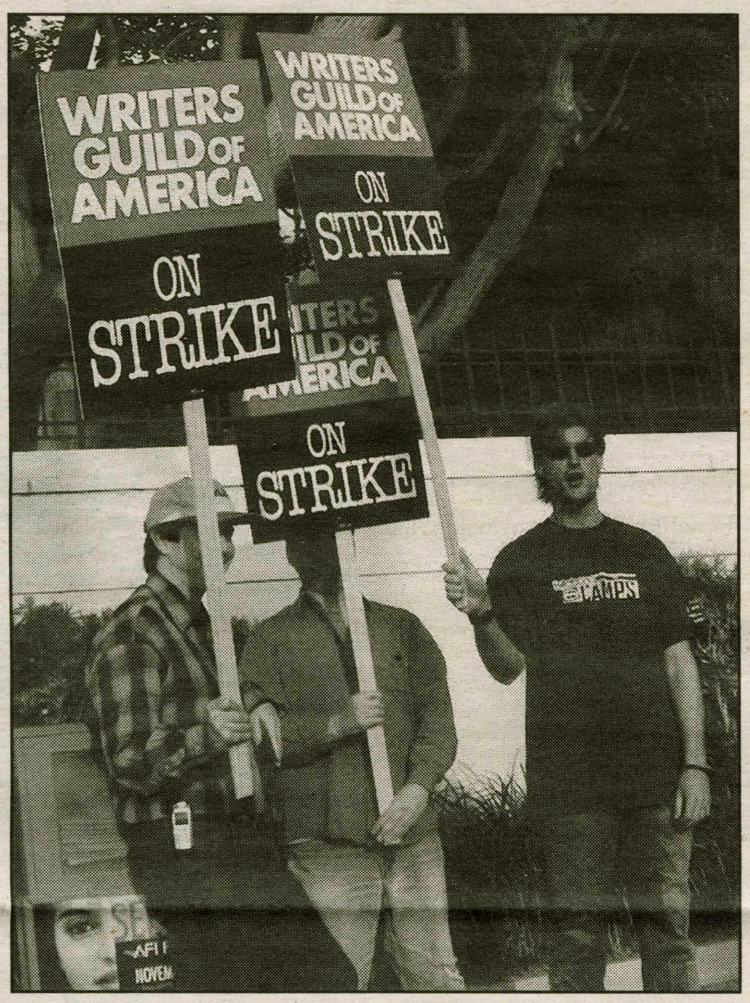
# Writer's Strike Lasts Through The New Year

**by Jacob Murray '09**
*Arts & Entertainment Editor*

As the recent Writers Guild of America (WGA) strike enters into its eleventh week of protest, many fans wonder whether their favorite shows will be aired in the near future. As of January 25, over twelve thousand television, radio, and film writers involved in the WGA have refused to write the scripts of our favorite shows and movies. Luckily, a few shows have been able to manage without their writers, such as The Tonight Show with Jay Leno and Late Night with Conan O'Brien. Conan, who is currently sporting a full orange beard, has entertained his supporters by playing Rock Band and saving Abraham Lincoln from John Wilkes Booth. Typically, Jay and Conan would have over fifty writers working on their scripts before each show. Although these few shows have resumed production, the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Procedures (AMPTP) has taken a major blow due to the strike. CBS, NBC and ABC, along with many other corporations, are scrambling to come up with new ideas for shows that are feasible to create without their writers.

In the New Year, however, some progress has been made in the battle between the WGA and the AMPTP. According to *MediaDailyNews* and Wall Street, if the studios accepted the demands of the writers' guild, the loss in profit for the major corporations would be "largely negligible." Around the time of the release of this article, the WGA agreed to begin negotiations with individual corporations in order to reach a settlement, but not the AMPTP as a whole. On January 19, however, the WGA began to speak with the AMPTP, which is a major step towards putting our favorite programs back on television.

After 81 days of strike and almost a half a season of reruns, what is there to watch? A few shows were able to complete their production before the strike began, so some mainstream TV shows still remain. In order to hold avid television fans over until next fall, I've compiled the top eight TV programs still functioning after the devastating strike.

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**Writers protest unfair wages.**

**8) Jericho (CBS) - Airs Tuesday, February 12**

Due to simultaneous terrorist attacks on many of the major cities in the United States, the inhabitants of Jericho, Kansas, are forced to deal with radiation, instability, and death. Half way through its second season, the show promises more action and resolved mysteries.

**7) Prison Break (FOX) - Currently airing new episodes**

In the third season, main character Michael Scofield is forced to find a way to escape a deadly prison in Panama, called Sona. For the past three years, Prison Break has been one of the highest rated Action/Adventure shows on television.

**6) House (FOX) - Airs Tuesday, January 29**

Doctor Gregory House continues to solve many medical mysteries, while also having to cope with a brand new medical team. House's offensive bedside manners and lack of compassion towards his patients have been keeping fans addicted for many years.

**5) American Idol (FOX) - Currently airing new episodes**

Since 2002, American Idol has amassed more viewers than any other television program. Luckily, the WGA strike will not affect this show at all, allowing it to run without interruption for the rest of the season.

**4) Scrubs (NBC) - Airs Thursday, January 24**

With an impeccable mixture of tragedy and comedy, Scrubs has entered its seventh and final season. Although the show was originally going to be cancelled with no concrete ending, NBC has managed to provide viewers with the ending they want.

**3) American Gladiators (NBC) - Currently airing new episodes**

Who doesn't love 300-pound bodybuilders? The 1989 original hooked an entire generation of viewers, and the new version will hopefully do the same. Plus, Hulk Hogan is hosting. Perfect.

**2) Weeds (Showtime) - Airs in April**

An attractive cast, plenty of comedy and of course… weed. Although the fourth season will not begin until April, Weeds has become one of the breakout shows of the past few years.

**1) Lost (ABC) - Airs Thursday, January 31**

Lost has been the most consistent show on television for the past four years. Producer J.J. Abrams, Alias creator, promises that the island mysteries will finally be resolved over the next few seasons.

# The Meeting Honors MLK

**by David Foster '10**
*Production Editor*

"You don't tame the lion and leave the jungle unchanged." So argues Malcolm X in Jeff Stetson's thought-provoking play The Meeting, presented by director and Theater Professor Mark Cryer as part of this week's Martin Luther King Jr. Day events. Through an intense philosophical debate over violent and non-violent resistance, this taut drama attempts to show the audience what might have happened if Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr. had ever met.

Starring Christian Baxter '10 as Malcolm X, Sean McHugh '09 as his associate Rashad, and Luvoyo Mandela '09 as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the play progresses through a clever metamorphosis and transformation of the two main characters. The chasm that separates King and Malcolm X is exemplified by a rapid exchange that occurs early in the play: "Still the dreamer?" the latter asks. "Still the revolutionary?" King retorts.

Malcolm X later offers Dr. King an apple that he does not want. More than just a friendly gesture, this action leads Malcolm X to argue that if something is good, it is justifiable to force it upon people. He extends this metaphor to the oppression of blacks in America, contending that the public "won't swallow the truth, even if it's good for them." After the first of three contentious arm-wrestling matches, Dr. King warns against the endless cycle of violence among races and peoples that he believes Malcolm X's movement encourages.

Although the tension between Dr. King and Malcolm X grows anxiously throughout most of the play, Malcolm X finally examines the contents of a paper bag that Dr. King has brought and discovers a gift for the former's daughter. This simple yet thoughtful act produces a human connection between the main characters, and they come to something of a mutual understanding.

After holding an amicable arm-wrestling tiebreaker and declaring it a draw, Dr. King suggests that he and Malcolm X should work through their differences to accomplish much more than they could individually: "Imagine how much we would have accomplished if we had joined hands and pushed in the same direction." The actors' impassioned performances communicated this message effectively, and many Hamilton community members were impressed with the professionalism displayed by the director, actors, and crew.

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# Campus Safety Greens Up With Hybrid SUV

**by Elijah LaChance '10**
*Science & Technology Editor*

Hamilton has a long history of being on the forefront of the environmentalist movement. Skenandoa House is the oldest building in the nation to have received the LEED Silver Certification, and the Science Center Wellin Atrium is heated with geothermal power. Now Hamilton is expanding its efforts to "go green" to include campus vehicles. The Campus Safety department's purchase of a Ford Escape Hybrid SUV is believed to be the first such vehicle used for full-time patrol by a college's campus safety or police department in Central New York. Hybrids typically offer better fuel economy and a lower impact on the environment than traditional automobiles. According to the college's Web site, "concern for the environment as well as the rising cost of gasoline led Hamilton to purchase the vehicle."

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a statement last year stating, "Hybrid-electric vehicles (HEVs) combine the benefits of gasoline engines and electric motors and can be configured to obtain different objectives, such as improved fuel economy, increased power, or additional auxiliary power for electronic devices and power tools." Law enforcement agencies and other federal groups across the country have adopted hybrid SUVs into their vehicle fleets.

When it came time to look at replacement vehicles for Campus Safety, the department researched the possibility of a hybrid and whether it would meet its specific vehicle needs. Hamilton representatives spoke with the University of Toronto Police and New York City Parks Enforcement, the two closest police departments that also use the Escape Hybrid. Toronto uses its vehicles for parking enforcement, patrolling, and even high-speed chases, while the NYPD uses hybrids mainly for patrolling its city parks in order to reduce air pollution for passing pedestrians.

"Campus Safety is a unique department on campus in that we are here 24 hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week, all year long," said Campus Safety Supervisor Mike Schwartz. "This also means that we have two to three vehicles on the road all the time. With the volume of our vehicle use, we're happy to do whatever we can to reduce our consumption of gasoline and reduce our carbon footprint. As a department and a part of the greater Hamilton community, we feel strongly about being good stewards for the environment," Schwartz added. Schwartz also mentioned that there are plans to transfer the entire fleet to hybrid vehicles, which would make Hamilton the first college in the nation with such a fleet. The time table for this radical changeover will be based on the available funds, since many hybrids are more expensive than their conventional counterparts.

However, although the up-front cost of a hybrid is more, buyers recover their cost fairly quickly. Schwartz said he researched this issue and found that based on the fuel cost savings, the college will recoup the entire cost differences within twenty-eight months and actually see a cost savings of more than $20,000 for its fleet of vehicles during the vehicles' lifespan. This estimate is based on a current gasoline price of $3.25, so as the cost of gasoline goes up, so will the savings. Schwartz noted that "in just the one week that our staff has used the hybrid, we have been able to obtain more than twice the miles per gallon that we get with our gasoline-only Ford Explorers."

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**Campus Safety's new hybrid SUV looks similar to the older ones on campus, but it's really much "greener."**

Reaction to the new vehicle on campus has been somewhat enthusiastic, but not incredibly pronounced. Several students voiced the hope that the Campus Safety department will purchase other hybrid vehicles, although one student quipped that the name "Escape" did not necessarily reflect well on the vehicle's patrolling purpose. Some students seemed surprised when the vehicle was pointed out to them. "It looks just like a regular Campus Safety car," said one junior who wished to be referred to by her class year only. "In some ways," says Supervisor Schwartz, "that's the beauty of the thing: you won't even notice the change."

# Genetic Mutation Cause of Autism?

**by Elijah LaChance '10**
*Science and Technology Editor*

A rare genetic variation raises the risk of developing autism, a study conducted by the Autism Consortium showed. The discovery, released online in the New England Journal of Medicine, should open new research targets for better understanding the sometimes-debilitating disorder and for eventually treating it.

Research into the causes of autism has focused on genetic causes because so many families have multiple children with the disorder, although the disorder is not passed down in a conventional manner (directly from parent to offspring in predictable patterns) like most genetic abnormalities. Thus far, only about ten percent of autism cases have a known genetic cause. Boston-area researchers with the Consortium estimate the gene glitch they've identified accounts for another one percent of cases.

The researchers found that a segment of a chromosome, which has genes previously linked to brain development and various developmental disorders, was either missing or duplicated far more often in autistic people. The defect appeared to be inherited in some cases, but more often it was the result of a random genetic accident.

The results from the Autism Consortium study confirm those of smaller studies by U.S. and Canadian research groups in the past year. For their study, Consortium researchers scanned all 46 chromosomes from DNA samples from 1,441 children with autism or related disorders. They also scanned DNA from most of their parents and 2,800 other people, none known to have autism. The Consortium verified its findings by checking two other DNA databases.

The researchers found a 25-gene segment of chromosome sixteen was missing in five children with autism; none of their parents had the deletion. That finding shows that in some cases the genetic glitch is not inherited from the parents, but instead due to a random accident while an egg or sperm is being formed.

Another seven autistic children had a chromosome 16 duplication, but all but one had parents with the same duplication. The researchers confirmed their findings by looking at DNA databases from Children's Hospital Boston and Iceland. The same defect was found in one percent of those with autism or related disorders. It was found in just seven of about 19,000

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# California, Other States Sue the EPA Over Gas Mileage Laws

**by Kate Tummarello '11**
*Science & Technology Editor*

California has a reputation of being very forward thinking when it comes to regulations that benefit the environment. This reputation has been established by California's attitudes towards protecting the oceans, alternative energies and, most recently, the efforts of California's leaders to regulate the amount of greenhouse gasses that are produced by cars sold in the state.

As early as 2002, government officials were working to protect the environment by controlling the pollution that its cars emit. The California Air Resources Board (ARB) developed standards based on a California law passed in 2002 by Assembly member Fran Pavley. The ARB was looking for something more rigorous than the bill that President Bush signed in November which stated cars must get at least 35 miles to the gallon by 2020. Instead, they wanted to eliminate one third of the tailpipe emissions by 2016.

By 2020, these standards will have had the effect of taking 6.5 million cars off of the road. If every state enforced similar regulations, the 6.5 million could go up to 22 million, and gasoline consumption would be cut by almost eleven billion gallons a year.

But because individual states cannot enforce their own standards for vehicle emissions without a federal government waiver from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Air Resources Board began petitioning to this end in December of 2005. When the issue had still not been dealt with sixteen months later, Governor Schwarzenegger threatened to sue the EPA under the Clean Air Act and Administrative Procedure Act, both of which concern delayed agency action.

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The response from the other states has been tremendous. Fifteen other states, including New York, Massachusetts, and Connecticut, have joined in on the law suit. This past September, a court in Vermont ruled that states should be able to adopt the motor vehicle gas emissions standards set forth by California, although automobile makers argued that following these regulations would be too difficult and expensive.

The truth is, many cars already get 35 miles to the gallon, and they're not just hybrids. These standards are not aimed at limiting the selection of cars for those people in the participating states. Instead, they are meant to reward those automobile companies who see value in protecting the environment and are innovative enough to find ways to do it.

# Minor Breakthrough in Research Into Cause of Autism

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samples from people without the disorder.

"They really did nail it," said Dr. Andrew Zimmerman, director of the Kennedy Krieger Institute's Center for Autism & Related Disorders in Baltimore, in response to reading the Consotium's research report. Zimmerman, who was not involved in the research, said he thinks these findings represent a major step forward for the often-murky field of autism research. He predicted children newly diagnosed with autism or other developmental disorders now will be tested for this defect (on chromosome sixteen) and that studies of many more DNA samples may reveal other autism-related gene variations.

Already, the findings are starting to be used to give some parents long-sought answers to burning questions: What caused autism in their child and how likely is it that any future children also would have autism, long known to run in families? When the biological pathways involved are figured out, scientists can try to design drugs to target chemicals in the brain to treat autism and begin providing concrete answers to some of these questions according to Geraldine Dawson, chief science officer of the advocacy group Autism Speaks, one of the groups that funds the Autism Consortium.

"We've provided very compelling evidence that this particular small stretch of the genome provides an important clue to the biological roots of autism," said lead researcher Mark J. Daly, an assistant genetics professor at Harvard Medical School and an investigator for the consortium, which includes researchers from fourteen Boston-area universities and medical centers, as well as affiliates nationwide.

"I think chromosome sixteen is now going to be a hotbed for autism research," added Thomas Lehner, head of the genomic research branch at the National Institute of Mental Health. "It gives us a very important lead."

Another study researcher, Dr. David Miller of Children's Hospital Boston, said the chromosome sixteen variations increased the risk of autism a hundredfold. But he said the disorder must be due to a combination of genetic variations since there were cases of people who had the defect but didn't have autism.

Autism, a complex, poorly understood disorder, is characterized by repetitive behaviors and poor social interaction and communication skills. Research has mainly centered on genetic causes, and on whether it could be caused by the mercury-based preservative once used in childhood vaccines, a theory which has been repeatedly discounted

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in scientific studies, despite repeated allegations and anecdotal evidence provided by parents of children with the disorder.

The number of children diagnosed with autism has risen in recent years to as many as one in one hundred American children, but some experts remain unsure whether its prevalence really is increasing or the trend is due to a broader definition of autism. Nevertheless, the National Institute of Mental Health declared autism rates, "officially on the rise," in 2003, and the once-overlooked disorder is receiving more and more media attention as the apparent spread of the disorder has been referred to as an "epidemic."

# On The Web
## *ScienceDaily.com*

**by Kate Tummarello '11**
*Science & Technology Editor*

*Rating:*

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Because ideas within the sciences are always changing, it is helpful to have a website that is updated more often than one can actually read it. ScienceDaily.com is exactly this site and promises to be "Your source for the latest research news."

On the homepage there is even a widget that tells when the site was last updated and how long it will be until the next update. It seems the site never goes more than three hours without being updated, although I can honestly say I simply do not have the time to check every three hours.

Not only is the site up to date, but it is also very reader friendly. Well written articles can be found on almost any topic, from research on whales being the descendent of deer-like creatures to hybrid school buses, and, true to their promise, they are constantly adding new articles. There are even both APA and MLA citations at the bottom of each article if you are using the article for a paper.

The articles found at ScienceDaily.com are also very well-organized. The site is broken down into categories including Health & Medicine, Plant & Animals, and Matter & Energy. These categories are again broken down into subcategories. For example, under Health & Medicine you will see the subcategories of Cancer, Fitness and Stem Cells. With the organizational system used by ScienceDaily.com, you can easily find many articles on a very specific category.

One of the few, and possibly the only, downfall of ScienceDaily.com is their homepage. Yes, they have the widget that counts down until the next update; however, the entire page is in the same font in either blue, red, or black. This makes it hard to distinguish actual articles from the one third of the page that is just ads. Also, the homepage contains a lot of articles from random categories and subcategories. It is all a little much to look at when you first enter the site.

Still, the overall quality and timeliness of the articles makes ScienceDaily.com worth looking into. Once you get past the homepage, you'll be surprised by the helpfulness of this site. There's even a section on books, which will probably be the inspiration for many future reviews.

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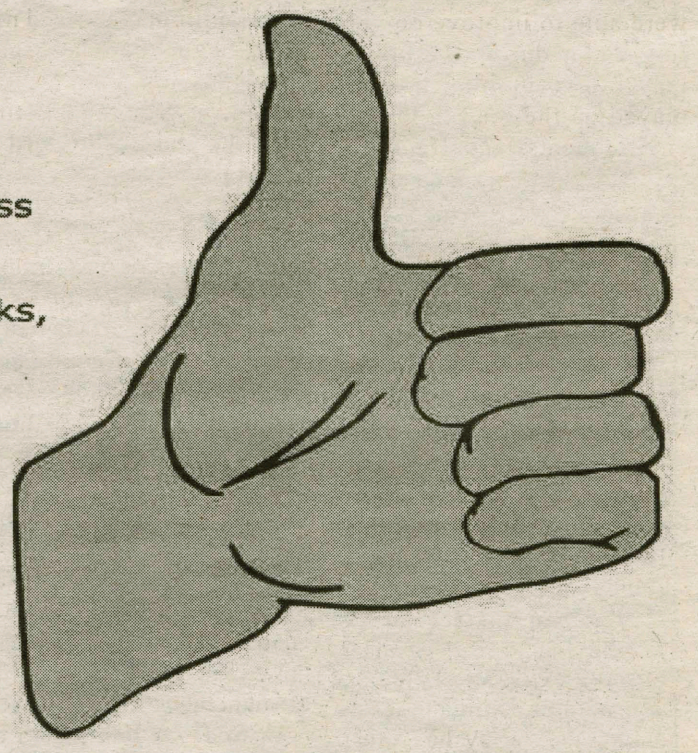

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# Men's Basketball Remains Unbeaten at Home

## Team Moves Into Second Place in Liberty League

**By Andrew Harris '11**
*Sports Writer*

After starting out the season with four straight wins, the Hamilton Men's Basketball Team found itself in good position going into winter break with a 4-1 record. After a three-week break from exams, it was back to business for the Continentals at the Rees Jewelers Christmas Classic at Randolph-Macon College in Virginia.

Hamilton played its first round match against Elms College, who came in with a 7-1 record. Elms' quickness on defense caused 27 Hamilton turnovers, and the Continentals were just 1-14 from three point range. The Blazers won the match 64-54. Jon Ciriello '11 led the way with 15 points and nine rebounds off the bench, and substitute Ramunas Rozgys '09 added 16 points and seven boards.

In the consolation game, Hamilton ran into some trouble against Immaculata University. Hamilton trailed in the first half, but launched multiple comebacks to try to pull out a victory. They fell short, however, and wound up on the wrong side of a 73-68 contest. Rozgys again provided energy off the bench, netting 11 points along with eight rebounds. Rob Toste '08 hit three three-pointers, and finished with a career-high 11 points.

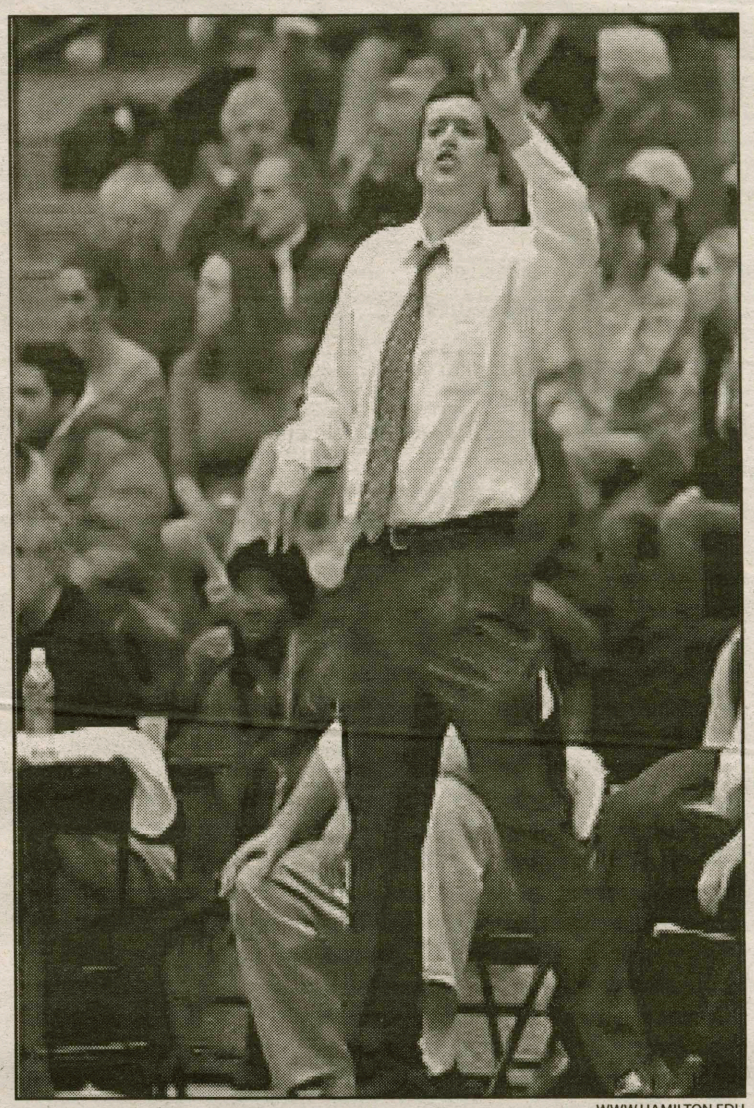
After three straight losses and an impending matchup with nationally ranked SUNY Brockport, the Continentals could have been discouraged. Instead, the team put together a strong effort, and bested the No. 11 Golden Eagles 72-62. Jay Simpson '10 scored a career-best 18 points, and dished out five assists, while Harlee Wood '09 tied his season-high with 19. Simpson was later honored as Liberty League co-Guard of the Week for his performance.

Next up was Cazenovia College, who posed no trouble to the fired-up Continentals. Wood tallied 18 points, six boards, and five assists, as the team cruised to a 86-47 victory. Kyle Dumas '09 scored 13, Ciriello added ten points as well as six rebounds, and Max Shillalies '11 poured in 11 and grabbed eight rebounds. Will Preston '11 rounded out the balanced attack with nine points.

On January 12, Hobart College visited Scott Field House and Hamilton again took care of business. In the Liberty League opener for both teams, Joe Manns '10 scored a career high 21 points, helping the team to a 76-52 win. Wood again helped out, putting in 18 points and grabbing a career high 14 rebounds. Ciriello chipped in 14 more points, to go with his two blocked shots. For their efforts, Wood was named a Liberty League co-Forward of the Week, and Ciriello was awarded Liberty League Rookie of the Week.

Hamilton then visited Vassar College on January 18, where the Continentals lost a tough matchup 77-72 in overtime. Manns played well for the second straight game, netting 18, and Ciriello scored eight and grabbed six boards. Dayne Harris '11 and Rozgys came off the bench to score nine and seven points, respectively.

Continuing their Liberty League play, the Continentals took on Rensselaer on January 19. Manns led the team to a 61-56 victory, continuing his phenomenal play with another 21 points. Ciriello again helped out with 11, and Dumas scored ten. With the win, the Continentals improved to 8-4, and 2-1 in the Liberty League. The team has yet to lose at home, winning six in a row. The team hopes to improve on its record January 25, when they take on Union College.



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**Head Coach Tobin Anderson Collects Career Win Number 65.**

# Women's Hockey Improves

**by Brandon Leibsohn '10**
*Sports Editor*

The Hamilton College Women's Hockey Team showed the ability to come back and fight hard during the break. Despite losing in four of six games, the Continentals were able to improve on getting better during the power play. Most of these games were played on the road in hostile environments, and Hamilton was able to come away with ties in two of the games.

At home, Connecticut College could not withstand the Continentals effort. Stephanie Miguel '11 turned in an impressive performance as she scored to put Hamilton ahead in the first period.

The defense stepped up after allowing two goals in the second period and Lauren Tomford '10 capitalized on Connecticut's mistake to put the game into overtime. The game ended in a 2-2 tie and allowed the Continentals to continue their dominance over the Camels. They have lost only once in the 18 games that they have faced each other.

Following the tie, Hamilton took on another rival in Amherst College the next day. Amherst came out on fire, determined to make up for two consecutive losses. Christie Sharlow '11 took control on the first power play of the game, scoring for the third time this season. Meg Shine. '10 did her best to keep the team in the game, but Amherst kept attacking and shot 39 times. The score ended in a 1-5 defeat, but the Continentals were effective during the power play.

Hamilton recovered nicely to begin their next game against Colby College. The game was very competitive until the end of the third period. Cindy Lukianchuk '11 converted on a pass from Rachel Rapoza '10 to tie the game during the second period.

The Continentals had to play on defense for most of the game so it was impressive that they were able to withstand the huge shot disadvantage. Colby ended up winning, but they did not look as fluid as in some of their prior games.

The second tie over break came against Bowdoin College. Kat Manning '09 gave Shine a break in net and propelled the team to a strong performance against a NESCAC foe. Scoring came from two different players in Amy Allen '10 and Laura Stirrat '10. Stirrat scored for the first time this season to end Bowdoin's momentum and send the game into overtime. Despite being outshot by many shots, Hamilton was able to capitalize on their few opportunities.

In the final game over break, the Continentals improved in their weakest area: getting shots on goal. During the second period alone they shot as many times as they normally do during an entire game. Kathryn Kroleski '09 scored for the fourth time this season and Tomford continued to lead the team in scoring with her ninth goal of the year. In heartbreaking fashion, Neumann College scored the game-winning goal with only a couple minutes remaining.

This Saturday, Hamilton will take on SUNY Plattsburgh on the road. SUNY has played extremely well so far this season, as they have only lost twice in 16 games. They have a high powered offense, but the Continentals have a shot at catching the team on a down note. SUNY lost their last game and they might not be ready to take on their next opponent. If the Continentals can continue to attack on offense and keep control of the puck then great things are on the horizon.

Goaltending play has improved lately and the defense has proven that they have the stamina to keep up with other teams. There is still time left for the team to rebound and head into the NESCAC Conference Tournament on a winning streak.

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# SPECTATOR SPORTS

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# Two Game Win Streak Propels Lady Continentals

**by Lindsay Getman '10**
*Sports Editor*

The Hamilton College Women's Basketball Team worked especially hard over winter break, returning to the Hill before the New Year to prepare for numerous away games. From a flawless Liberty League record of 2-0, to the stellar performance and various accolades of Pumla Sathula '08, the Lady Continentals have a lot to be proud of.

The team started off the year by traveling on January 4 to the Juniata College Holiday Tournament in Huntingdon, PA. SUNY Brockport was their first opponent entering the contest 5-1. The Lady Continentals suffered a 60-74 loss to the Golden Eagles, but rallied in the consolation game the following day. Hamilton beat Adrian College 64-56. Sathula made the All-Tournament team and was subsequently awarded Liberty League co-Guard of the Week and her teammate Sydney Fasulo '09 was named co-Forward of the Week on January 7. The honors didn't stop there, as Sathula was named Division III Upstate Region Player of the Week on January 9.

Hamilton's next game was at Williams on January 18. The game was close throughout, with Hamilton up 33-30 at the half. With only eight seconds remaining at the end of the game, Laura Whetmore '09 brought Hamilton within three points when she made two free-throws. Despite 20 points from Sathula and 13 from Fasulo, the team suffered a 61-64 loss. Despite the loss, Sathula reached the 1000-point mark during the game, adding her name to an esteemed list of only seven other Hamilton women. Sathula is currently ranked third in the Liberty League for points, averaging 14.1 per game.

On January 18 the Lady Continentals traveled to play Vassar in their Liberty League opener. The team pulled off a win 65-46. Jess Barrows '08 led the team with five assists, while Madelyn McGuinnis '09 had four blocks. The very next day the team played Liberty League opponent Rensselaer. Barrows and Sathula led a balanced offense, both contributing 17 points, while Sarah Schrader '09 and Fasulo had 12 and ten points, respectively. Sathula also added a whopping 13 rebounds and nine assists. She is currently ranked fourth in the Liberty League, averaging 9.8 rebounds a game, and seventh for assists with 2.75 a game. Barrows is close behind, ranked eleventh with 2.25 assists per game.

As students returned the Hill, so too did the women's basketball team. The team played their first game at home since December 1 on January 22 in Scott Field House. The Lady Continentals pulled off a decisive 66-55 win against non-league opponent Middlebury. Sathula was named Liberty League co-Guard of the Week for this past week.

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**Sydney Fasulo '09 reached a milestone with 1000 career points.**

The Lady Continentals have two Liberty League games this weekend. The first game is tonight at Union College, and there is another game tomorrow at Skidmore.

Union enters the contest 7-6 overall with a 1-2 Liberty League record. Skidmore is currently 9-5 overall and 2-1 Liberty League; they will face William Smith before playing the Continentals on Saturday.

## This Weekend in Hamilton Athletics:

***Friday 1/25:***
Basketball (W) @Union
Basketball( M) @ Union
Hockey (M) @ Skidmore

***Saturday 1/26:***
Basketball (W) @ Skidmore
Basketball (M) @ Skidmore
Indoor Track and Field (M) @ Colgate Class of '32 Invitational
Indoor Track and Field (W) @ Colgate Class of' 32 Invitational
Swimming and Diving (M) v. St. Lawrence
Swimming and Diving (W) v. St. Lawrence
Ice Hockey (M) @ Castleton State
Ice Hockey (W) @ SUNY Plattsburgh

Go Blue!

# Men's Hockey Gets Big Win

## Team Beats Nationally Ranked Southern Maine

**by Jared Leslie '09**
*Sports Writer*

The Continentals came back to the snowy hill on January 2 looking to change the direction of the season thus far. With a week of practice under their belt they travelled to SUNY Oswego. The team was excited to play a nationally ranked squad. Hamilton fought hard with Marc Trostle '10 scoring the only goal in the 5-1 loss. The next weekend Hamilton took on Babson, but a combination of injuries and offensive struggles prevented the Continentals from finding a way to win.

Hamilton lost a few more games, but gained invaluable experience and confidence with each competition. Just as the rest of the student body returned to the hill, the team squared off against the University of Southern Maine, a team with an impressive record of 10-2-3. Despite this daunting record, and the losses Hamilton had suffered previously, the team managed to pull of a 6-1 win.

Single goals were scored by Kyle Roulston '09 and Andrew Decristoforo '08. Jerome Wallace '10 and Joe Buicko '11 each put in two. This was one of the roughest games of the season for Hamilton. Both teams played a very physical game with each team having 11 chances to convert with a man advantage. These power plays proved to be the difference for the Continentals as they converted on three seperate occasions. Hamilton looked like a different team on the ice, continuing to take control of the puck and the flow of the game. They outshot their opponents by three shots and Ian Stearns '10 played his best game of the year in the net.

All the players felt that the game was the turning point of the season. From the stands it was terrific hockey to watch, as the Continentals seemed focused yet relaxed and confident.

Jake Davis '09 said, "We had a real uplifting win over a tough Southern team. Hopefully, we can take that momentum on the road this weekend and get on a roll for the rest of the season."

Students who recently returned to the hill came out to Sage Rink to cheer their team on. Players and fans alike were delighted to see so much support from the Hamilton community.

The Continentals travelled to Elmira to play the No. 2 nationally ranked team. The team played strong, but Elmira scored three power play goals and came out on top. Ian Stearns '10 played a hard-fought and terrific game, stopping 39 of 43 shots on net.

Men's hockey has a difficult road ahead with Skidmore and Castleton this weekend, but with the determination shown up to this point it is likely that the Continentals will be on the winning side of many of the upcoming games. It will be critical for Hamilton to play their style of hockey and show all of these teams that the Continentals never back down from a fight.

The current point leaders on the team include Decristoforo, Wallace, and Joe Buteau '08.

It is great to see the players working as a team, coming together to put on a great display of hard work and commitment. There are four home games remaining in the Continentals' schedule: one the first weekend in February and then back-to-back matches on February 15 and 16. The greater the fan support that the men's hockey team receives at these home games the more enjoyable the atmosphere will be for both players and fans. Come on out and let's continue the rage in the Sage!